



Huntington

Incorporated: 1855

Hampshire County

The Town of Huntington is referred to locally as the gateway to the Berkshires. Bounded by Northampton to the east and Westfield to the south, Huntington is a desirable bedroom community. The town's rural character and its natural resources are a source of pride to all of its almost 2000 residents. Huntington has a varied, in some cases spectacular, topography. The town contains a series of narrow valleys through which several streams and rivers flow. In contrast, there are hills which reach over 1400 feet in altitude. The Knightville and Littleville dams provide scenic impoundments amounting to some 2400 acres of federally owned open space while approximately 70 acres is contained in Gardner State Park. Huntington offers swimming, fishing, hiking and picnicking within its borders. In the early spring, the oldest continuously run whitewater race in the United States is held. The 40th Annual Westfield River Whitewater Canoe Race was held in 1993, which also marked the first time the Whitewater Open Canoe Downriver National competition was held in Massachusetts. The Westfield River Canoe Club has applied to host the nationals again. Residents feel that the controlled release of water from the Knightville Dam and the many accessible viewing areas, which made Huntington a good location for the race, also demonstrated to visitors from across the nation, the unique and precious resources which characterize the town. (Narrative supplied by community)

Population: 2,174 (2000 census)

Government: Board of Selectmen, Open Town Meeting

Total Area: 26.91 square miles +/-

Tax Rate: \$13.04 (2008)

School Superintendent: 667-8711; 667-3002

Public Schools: Elementary School, Middle School, Regional High School

Colleges and Universities:

Private Schools:

Shopping: local convenience stores, 30 minutes to Northampton, 30 minutes to Westfield

Libraries: Huntington Public Library
667-3506

Recreational Facilities: Gardner State Park;
Locale of The Westfield River Canoe Race

Utilities: Cable: none available
Electric: Western Mass Electric Co. 800-286-2000
Telephone: Verizon 800-870-9999

Child Care Providers: 413-582-4218

Child Care Focus
56 Vernon Street
Northampton, MA 01060
--provides a list of licensed childcare facilities

For More Information:

Town hall: 667-3501
www.magnet.state.ma.us
www.jonesgrouponline.com



